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(U) Menlo Park – All Clear Given after Sarin Investigation of Facebook Mail Facility

(U) A suspected hazardous package scare at a Facebook mail processing facility in Menlo Park is over after 14 hours. Facebook released a statement on Tuesday morning saying test results on a suspicious package came back negative for sarin and other hazardous materials and no one was hurt. FBI were at the scene after a chemical scare forced employees to be evacuated Monday morning. Officials with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District responded to the Facebook complex following reports of two employees being possibly exposed to the nerve agent sarin. During a routine check, one of the company's mail processing machines detected the presence of sarin on a package that had arrived around 11 a.m., although an open-air test later came back negative. Four buildings were initially evacuated as a precaution, but one remained closed into the evening hours as crews conducted their investigation.

SOURCE: 1 July 2019, [ABC 7 News](#)

(U) San Diego – 12 Arrested in Human Trafficking Attempt

(U) Twelve people were arrested on suspicion of trying to enter the US illegally after the US Coast Guard found the group's boat off the coast of Point Loma yesterday. The crew of a Coast Guard cutter located the pleasure craft dead in the water 28 nautical miles from the coast about 2:30 p.m., federal officials said. Crewmembers spotted one person on the boat, but found 11 more people hiding inside a cabin after they boarded, officials said. The group was taken to shore where they were arrested by US Border Patrol agents.

SOURCE: 1 July 2019, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Court System Hit by Ransomware Attack

(U) Atlanta – Hackers have infected computers at a Georgia courts agency, demanding a ransom payment and causing officials to shut down court websites. The Administrative Office of the Courts was offline Monday as the state government tried to contain the hack. The agency provides computer applications to some local probate and municipal courts, maintains court records and publishes guidance on court functions. The attack, which was discovered during the weekend, is suspected to have come from a foreign country.

SOURCE: 1 July 2019, [Atlanta Journal Constitution](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – Police Arrest Three over Terror Plot

(U) Sydney – Three men were arrested on Tuesday over an ISIS inspired plot to attack a variety of Sydney targets including police and defense buildings, courts, churches and diplomatic missions, police said. A 20-year-old suspect had been monitored by police for a year since he returned to Sydney from Lebanon, police said. He was known to police in Lebanon. The suspect is expected to be charged with

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preparing for a terrorist act and preparing to enter Afghanistan for the purpose of engaging in hostile activities on behalf ISIS. The plot was the 16th major terrorist attack to be thwarted by police in Australia since the threat level was raised in September 2014, police said.

SOURCE: 2 July 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Indonesia – Suspected Leader of Al-Qa’ida Linked Group Arrested

(U) Jakarta – Indonesian police have arrested a man believed to be the leader of the al-Qa’ida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network who has eluded capture since 2003, authorities said yesterday. National Police spokesman Dedi Prasetyo said Para Wijayanto was arrested Saturday by counterterrorism police with his wife at a hotel in the city of Bekasi. Prasetyo said Wijayanto is suspected of being involved in the making of bombs used in a series of attacks, including the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people and a 2004 attack on the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, that killed nine.

SOURCE: 1 July 2019, [Associated Press](#)

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